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**HAYNEVILLE FIBER TRANSPORT, INC., APPLICATION: For designation as an
d/b/a CAMELLIA COMMUNICATIONS, eligible telecommunications carrier.**

Applicant

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**ORDER APPROVING ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
CARRIER DESIGNATION**

BY THE COMMISSION:

By Petition filed on or about April 15, 2004, Hayneville Fiber Transport, Inc., d/b/a Camellia Communications ("Camellia") sought designation as a an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") for purposes of receiving high cost, low income and health care support from the federal Universal Service Fund. The petition of Camellia limited the geographic scope of the ETC designation sought to the entirety of Butler County which is currently served by non-rural incumbent local exchange carrier CenturyTel of Alabama, LLC. Camellia further sought ETC designation in the areas of Lowndes County served by non-rural incumbent local exchange carrier BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and not served by Hayneville Telephone Company, Inc., a rural incumbent local exchange carrier in Alabama.

Notice of Camellia's pending petition was published by the Commission on April 20, 2004. Said notice informed interested parties of their opportunity to submit

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comments in response to the petition of Camellia on or before May 20, 2004. The Commission did not receive any comments regarding Camellia's petition.

As required by 47 U.S.C. §214(e), Camellia has represented to the satisfaction of the Commission that it: (1) is a common carrier that will offer the services supported by the federal Universal Service support mechanisms pursuant to §254(c) of the Telecom Act of 1996 throughout the service area for which it seeks ETC designation; (2) will offer such services using a combination of its own facilities and the resale of another carrier's services; and (3) will advertise the availability of such services and the charges therefore using media of general distribution. Camellia further represented that it will expend any and all Universal Service funding received only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which Universal Service support is intended.

Given the foregoing representations of Camellia, the Commission finds that the public interest will be served by designating Hayneville Fiber Transport, Inc., d/b/a Camellia Communications as an eligible telecommunications carrier for the areas of Lowndes County, Alabama served by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and not served by Hayneville Telephone Company, Inc. Camellia's ETC designation is also for the entirety of Butler County, Alabama which is served by CenturyTel of Alabama, LLC, a Non-Rural Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier. The Commission further certifies that Camellia will expend any federal high-cost Universal Service support received exclusively for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended. We note that Camellia will be required as an ETC in

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Alabama to provide Lifeline and Linkup services to eligible requesting customers according to the parameters established for such services by the Commission's Order of November 25, 1997 in Docket 25980.¹

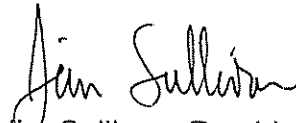
IT IS SO ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, That jurisdiction in this cause is hereby retained for the issuance of any further order or orders as this Commission may find just and reasonable in the premises.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That this Order shall be effective as of the date hereof.

DONE at Montgomery, Alabama, this 21st day of June, 2004.

ALABAMA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Jim Sullivan, President



Jan Cook, Commissioner



George G. Wallace, Jr., Commissioner

ATTEST: A True Copy



Walter L. Thomas, Jr., Secretary

¹ In Re: Implementation of the Universal Service Requirements of Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, see pp. 19-27.